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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Matthew Jon Nelson, DOB 12/21/82, of Dakota, Minnesota, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 18 months in federal prison for bank embezzlement. Nelson pleaded guilty to this charge on January 10, 2006.

The defendant was employed by the Wells Fargo Bank in La Crosse, Wisconsin, as a bank teller. During his employment, Nelson embezzled a large amount of money from the bank and stole money and other items from safe deposit boxes. The embezzled money and other items taken by the defendant totaled over \$100,000. After questioning by law enforcement, the defendant confessed to embezzling money from the bank and stealing from safe deposit boxes.

The charge against Nelson was the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Winona County (Minnesota) Sheriff's Office, and the Maple Grove, Minnesota Police Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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